

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 29, 2015**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920**

**6:00 P.M. PUBLIC MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order 6:00 - Public Session**
- 2. Roll Call – Quorum**
- 3. Public Acknowledgements/Communications**
- 4. Chairperson’s Communications**
- 5. Superintendent’s Communications**
- 6. School Committee Member Communications**
- 7. Public Hearing**
  - a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters)**
  - b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**
- 8. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda**
- 9. Action Calendar/Action Agenda**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**No. 15-01-21 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the School**

**Committee, that the following 4000 series, Personnel to be deleted or amended for second reading (See policies on file in the Superintendent's Office):**

**#4111.6 Sexual Harassment Policy      Delete**

**#4111.6(a) Sexual Harassment Policy (Procedure)      Delete**

**No. 15-01-22 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the School Committee, that the following 6000 series, Instruction to be deleted or amended for second reading (See attached):**

**#6160 Textbook Replacement and Modernization      Amend  
(see attached)**

**#6161.1 Instruction, Textbooks and Workbooks      Delete  
(see attached)**

**#6310 Vocational Instruction (see attached)      Amend**

**#6320 Admission (see attached)      Amend**

**#6321 Selection of Students (see attached)      Amend**

**#6351 Associate              Commissioner              Vocational              Technical  
Education Amend  
(see attached)**

**10. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items**

**11. Adjourn to Public Budget Work Session**

**12. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2015-2016**

**13. Announcement of Future Meeting(s) –February 9, 2015 and**

**February 12, 2015**

#### **14. Adjournment**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson in advance.**

**Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the agenda.**

**Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 72 hours in advance of hearing date.**

**Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's website at [www.cpsed.net](http://www.cpsed.net), Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) in advance of the meeting.**

**Notice posted: January 26, 2015**

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## **Instruction**

### **Textbook Replacement and Modernization**

**The committee will provide sufficient required textbooks as deemed appropriate to insure that curriculum objectives in each program area are being met. All curriculum areas will be revised every five years, and textbooks for implementation will be replaced as needed.**

#### **Revision added – (Italics)**

**Once a student receives a textbook it becomes his/her responsibility and damaged or lost books must be replaced or paid for by the student/parent/guardian.**

**Policy Adopted: 9/21/1987 (Res. No. 87-9-24) CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Policy Amended: 1/29/15 Cranston, Rhode Island**

**First Reading: January 20, 2015     CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Resolution No: 15-01-15     CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**

**Second Reading: January 29, 2015**

**Resolution No. 15-01-22**

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**6161.1 (to be deleted)**

**Instruction**

**Textbooks and Workbooks**

**The Committee agrees to make a good faith effort to provide sufficient required textbooks to insure that each pupil has textbooks for his own use. Prior to changing textbooks or selecting textbooks, all teachers using such textbooks shall be given the opportunity to meet and consult with the Superintendent regarding the proposed change or selection.**

**The consultation procedure shall be as follows:**

**1. The teacher affected shall be notified of the proposed change in**

**textbooks.**

**2. The teacher affected shall be given an opportunity to inspect any textbooks being considered for adoption prior to paragraph 3 below.**

**3. The administration shall provide an opportunity for all teachers affected to meet and consult with the Superintendent regarding the proposed change or selection.**

**4. The association shall be notified at least two (2) weeks prior to the consultation meetings set forth in three above.**

**The committee agrees to make a good faith effort to provide sufficient teaching equipment and supplies in the school system.**

**(Master Agreement between The Cranston School Committee and The Cranston Teachers' Association, September 1, 1969. Article X).**

**Policy adopted: 1/29/15 CRANSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Cranston, Rhode Island**

**First Reading: January 20, 2015    CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Resolution No: 15-01-15    CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**  
**Second Reading: January 29, 2015**  
**Resolution No. 15-01-22**

**6310**

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Vocational Instruction**

**In establishing, continuing or terminating a program of vocational-technical instruction at Cranston Area Vocational-Technical Facility, the interests, needs and abilities of all persons in the state and/or area and the need and opportunity in the employment market will be considered.**

**The program of instruction will be developed by the Director of Curriculum and staff and conducted in consultation with the**

**Associate Commissioner of Vocational-Technical Education, area professional committee, the area advisory committee, potential employers and other individuals or groups having skills and substantive knowledge of the occupation or occupational field representing the occupational objective.**

**Instruction will be conducted and supervised by teachers, consultants and supervisors meeting state certification requirements.**

**REVISION (*Italics*)**

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Career and Technical Education Instruction**

**In establishing, continuing or terminating a program of career and technical instruction at Cranston Area Career and Technical Center, the interests, needs and abilities of all persons in the state and/or area and the need and opportunity in the employment market will be considered.**

**The program of instruction will be developed by the Executive Director of Educational Programs and staff and conducted in consultation with the office of multiple pathways from the Department of Education, area professional committee, the area advisory committee, potential employers and other individuals or groups**

**having skills and substantive knowledge of the occupation or occupational field representing the occupational objective.**

**Instruction will be conducted and supervised by teachers, consultants and supervisors meeting state certification requirements.**

**Policy Amended: 1/29/15**

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## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Admission**

**Admission Quotas for each community in the area will be made on a percentage basis determined by the most recent October enrollment figures for the tenth grades in all schools. Applications for admission will be screened by a committee consisting of the area coordinator and the vocational guidance counselors in conjunction with appropriate staff from the sending school. Responsibility for admission will rest with the area coordinator and Director of**

## **Guidance at Cranston West.**

**Students may be enrolled in a full-time program or special program by arrangement in area vocational facilities as mutually agreed upon by the receiving and sending schools.**

## **REVISION (*Italics*)**

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**Applications for admission will be screened by a committee consisting of the Career and Technical Director and the Career and Technical guidance counselors in conjunction with appropriate staff from the sending school. Responsibility for admission will rest with the Career and Technical Director and the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs at Cranston West.**

**Students may be enrolled in a full-time program or special program by arrangement in area Career and Technical Centers as mutually agreed upon by the receiving and sending schools.**

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**INSTRUCTION**

**Selection of Students**

**Individuals will be admitted for enrollment in classes and provided instruction for each type of occupation or occupational field on the basis of:**

**a) A standard of achievement met by students so as to meet the requirements for completing the previous grade satisfactorily.**

- b) A satisfactory citizenship and attendance record.**
- c) Recommendation of the sending school.**
- d) Specific student goals.**
- e) An eligibility waiting list will be established by the Guidance Department for all occupational fields, using same criteria. These will be ranked so as automatically become eligible.**

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- d) Specific student goals.**
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**Policy Amended: 1/29/15**

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**Resolution No. 15-01-22**

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## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Associate Commissioner Vocational-Technical Education**

**The Associate Commissioner of Vocational – Technical Education in the State Department of Education and the Cranston Superintendent of Schools or his designee will be designated as the educators to determine compliance with the standards; to assist in establishing and conducting programs; to serve as liaison between the State Department of Education and the schools; and to work cooperatively with the coordinators, principals, superintendents and school committees in all areas of the program.**

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